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SUBJECT: THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE NATO PARLIAMENTARIANS, PALAIS
DE CHAILLOT, PARIS, NOVEMBER 11-16, 1957FIRST SUMMARY REPORT (PRELIMINARY SESSIONS NOVEMBER 9, 10,
11 AND PLENARY, NOVEMBER 12)FIRST PLENARY SESSION OPENED NOVEMBER 12, WITH 13 OF 15
NATO MEMBER COUNTRIES REPRESENTED BY PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATIONS
TOTALING 161. NO DELEGATION EXPECTED FROM PORTUGAL AND BECAUSE
OF RECENT ELECTIONS IN TURKEY, TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAD NOT BEEN
ABLE TO NAME DELEGATION. REPRESENTATIVES OF MANY VOLUNTARY
ORGANIZATIONS ALSO ATTENDING AS OBSERVERS.US DELEGATION OF SEVEN SENATORS AND NINE REPRESENTATIVES ORGANIZED
ITSELF SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL NOVEMBER 9, CHOOSING SENATOR
GREEN AS CHAIRMAN TOTAL DELEGATION AND MAKING FOLLOWING COMMITTEE
ASSIGNMENTS: POLITICAL, SALTONSTALL, KEFAUVER, LECOMPTE, SELDEN;
MILITARY, HRUSKA, MCCARTHY, CANFIELD; GENERAL AFFAIRS, JAVITS,
BECKER, HEALY; SCIENTIFIC TECHNICAL PERSONNEL, JACKSON, KUCHEL,
CORBETT, SMITH.FOUR SUBSTANTIVE COMMITTEES (POLITICAL, MILITARY, GENERAL
AFFAIRS, AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL) HELD PRELIMINARY
MEETINGS NOVEMBER 10 AND 11 TO CONSIDER REPORTS PREPARED BY
PERSONNEL ASSOCIATED WITH THE SECOND CONFERENCE. MAJOR PRESS
INTEREST NOVEMBER 11 AND 12 CENTERED ON REPORT PREPARED FOR
MILITARY COMMITTEE AND SENATOR JACKSON'S (US) SPECIAL
REPORT ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL. (CONFERENCE
PROCEDURE PROVIDES REPORTS GO FIRST TO COMMITTEES, ARE DEBATED IN
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PLENARY SESSIONS, COMMITTEES THEN DRAW UP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONFERENCE ACTION. DECISIONS OF CONFERENCE WILL BE REACHED LAST TWO DAYS, NOVEMBER 15 AND 16.)

OPENING PLENARY NOVEMBER 12 ADDRESSED BY SENATOR JACKSON, AFTER CUSTOMARY PRELIMINARIES INCLUDING ELECTION FOLLOWING OFFICERS: PRESIDENT, COL. J. J. FENS (NETHERLANDS); VICE PRESIDENTS, J. F. VAN CAUWELAERT (BELGIUM), E. BONNEFOUS (FRANCE), FRITZ BERENDSEN (GERMANY); TREASURER, WALTER ELLIOT (UK) AND REPRESENTATIVE WAYNE HAYS (US).

SENATOR JACKSON ADDED TO EIGHT RECOMMENDATIONS OF HIS REPORT (CONF DOC 8A) DIRECTED TOWARD INCREASING NUMBER TRAINED SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL AND EXCHANGE OF SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION, TWO NEW PROPOSALS: ESTABLISHMENT OF NATO DEFENSE MISSILE TRAINING CENTRE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF NORTH ATLANTIC INSTITUTE FOR DEFENSE STUDIES. SIZE OF PROGRAM ON EDUCATION TREBLED.

COMMENTS FOLLOWING ADDRESS GENERALLY APPROVING, ALTHOUGH SEVERAL NOT ADDRESSED DIRECTLY TO REPORT. TWO SPEAKERS BELIEVED PROGRAM SHOULD BE WIDENED TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR PERSONS IN LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. WALTER ELLIOT (K) URGED CAUTION IN ASSUMING SCIENTISTS IN INDUSTRY WERE NECESSARILY COMPETENT TEACHERS OF SCIENCE, AND PLED FOR FREEDOM OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS FROM POLITICAL PRESSURES. HE ALSO SUGGESTED SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL BE MADE A STANDING COMMITTEE. IN MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 12, JACKSON REPORT ENDORSED UNANIMOUSLY FOR PRESENTATION TO CONFERENCE.

PRESS ATTENTION TO DRAFT REPORT OF MILITARY COMMITTEE, WHICH WAS CONTROVERSIAL, HAS TAPERED OFF FOR TIME BEING AFTER UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF POINTED CANADIAN STATEMENT THAT REPORT NOT YET ACCEPTED BY COMMITTEE OR CONFERENCE. FYI WE EXPECT IT TO BE CHANGED.

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